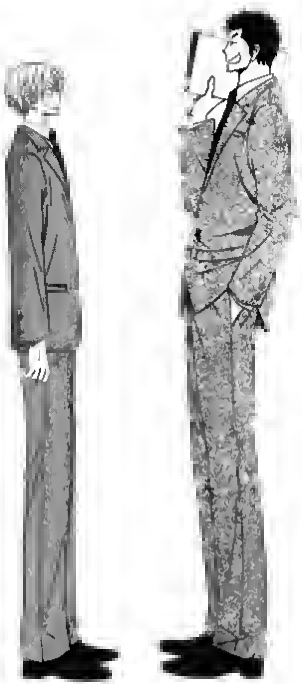
TEN YEARS

IT SOUNDS SO SIMPLE



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DAMNIT, THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS!
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THEN
When it's freezing here!
What's the deal with this guy!?
SFX: CHILLS
NO, MAYBE EVEN WORSE THAN THAT.
THIS IS JUST LIKE WHEN I FIRST STARTED WORKING.
WORK IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS,
BUT THAT'S IT.
HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING EVEN WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING.
TRUE TO HIS WORD,
HE HASN'T MET UP WITH ME OR COME TO MY APARTMENT
DON'T COME UNTIL IT'S BEEN SORTED OUT.

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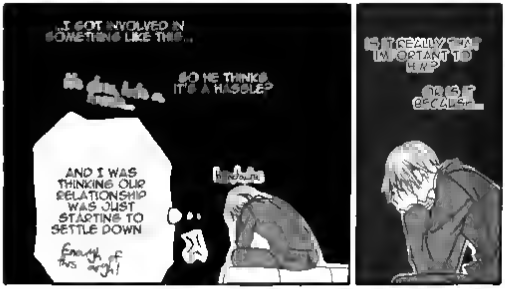
...I GOT INVOLVED IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
SO HE THINKS IT'S A HASSLE?
AND I WAS THINKING OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS JUST STARTING TO SETTLE DOWN
Enough of this argh!
IS IT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT TO HIM?
"IT WOULD BE BAD FOR THE COMPANY IF YOU TURNED IT DOWN."
THE COMPANY...

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SHIMANO-SAN'S OMIAI TARGET!?
Outside!?
WOMEN SURE HAVE IMPRESSIVE INFORMATION NETWORKS...
QUIET DOWN!
NO WAY! WHEN DID HE GO TO AN OMIAI?
We have no chance.
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
I HEAR SHE'S THE HEIRESS TO FEDAX
NO...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I WAS TOTALLY AIMING TO MARRY RICH, TOO
LAST WEEKEND, I HEARD
I'M GOING TO GO SEE A CLIENT
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE, ANYWAY?
ARE THEY ALREADY DATING!?
WELL, WHY'S SHE HERE?
Maybe we should follow...
What's wrong...

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I'M SO SORRY FOR VISITING YOU OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
N-NO,
SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I can feel their stares.
THIS IS BAD
I WAS SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT HIM THAT I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THIS!
I FORGOT TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR CONTACT INFO LAST WEEK...
SO I ASKED DAD TO LET ME RUN AN ERRAND OVER HERE!
I only know your home address...
Here are your files!
I KNEW IT. SHE DOES LIKE ME.
BUT I GUESS THAT'S WHY SHE CAME TO THE OMIAI IN THE FIRST PLACE...!
I HAVE TO STAY CALM.
R-REALLY? THANKS.
I WAS GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU TO CONTACT ME
NO..!
BUT I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU SOONER.
I didn't expect to be rejected...
hehe

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BEAM
NAME: KITSUKI MAYU
JUST CALL ME MAYU!
OH DEAR, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FORMAL.
UH,
WELL, KITSUKI-SAN,
ALL WE TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK WAS HOBBIES AND SUCH, NOTHING IMPORTANT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I HAVE TO TURN HER DOWN...
BUT HOW?
PCK!
I'M SUCH A JERK RIGHT NOW
So what if I'm popular with women? I don't want to be like them.
Why's he suffering?
weak... I look at him, the girl who's younger than me...
Maya-chan...
What a straightforward girl.
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
WELL,
I'M SO SORRY
Kanagawa-kun, he can't see me...
Ah...
THUMP
UMGH!

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STRANDED AND ALONE
NO MATTER WHAT...
I HAVE TO...
DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER
WHAT!?
YOU'RE TURNING HER DOWN?
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT HER?
SHE'S NICE, ISN'T SHE?
WHY!?
SO IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT!?
Well I totally thought you guys would hit it off
Dad, what were you thinking!?
Don't say "totally"
There was no reason so I have to reject it personally!
It's your fault for acting on your own!
I don't care!
I JUST DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED YET
Like an idiot
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS FOR HIM?
BUUUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD A LOT OF PEOPLE ABOUT IT
No!
Can't you think about it?
Origin of the nightmare

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SHE SAYS SHE'D LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU AND TALK TO YOU ONE LAST TIME
I SHOULD HAVE MADE SOMETHING UP SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO COME
SHIMANO -SAN..
AWKWARD...

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I.
THAT IS, UH MAYU-CHAN
THERE'S A REASON, ISN'T THERE?
SO I WANT TO KNOW
REALLY, REALLY LIKE YOU SENPAI
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
I JUST WANT YOU TO TELL ME
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME.
IF IT'S EASIER TO SAY WITH A BIT OF ALCOHOL IN YOU.

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HUH?
I WAS GOING TO DRUG YOU, BUT I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO. IN THE END.
THE WINE I WAS GIVING YOU,
IT GOES DOWN EASILY, BUT IT'S REALLY STRONG.
MAYU-CHAN!?
SENPAI,
I SEE THAT YOU'RE STILL A LIGHT-WEIGHT.
And what's going on with my hands!?

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WHY DID YOU TURN ME DOWN?
YOU'RE DATING SOMEONE RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU?
ISN'T SOMEONE LIKE ME EXACTLY YOUR TYPE?
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU BREAK UP, ANYWAY
I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU, SENPAI
THIS GIRL.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.
I'VE FINALLY GOT YOUR ATTENTION NOW, BUT YOU WANT TO END IT?
WAIT!
HEY
WHY CAN'T IT BE ME?
BANG
MAYU-
...DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT

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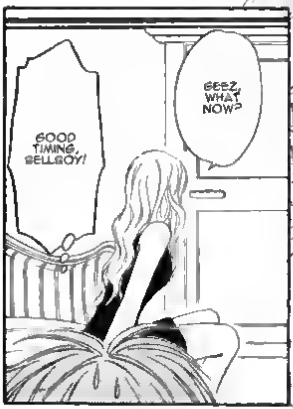

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I GUESS I'D BETTER LEAVE AFTER ALL.
HEY!
You're already here!
SFX GRAB
DO YOU JUST WANT TO AVOID A HASSLE?
YOU DON'T WANT TO BOTHER FIGURING THIS OUT, SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE?
WHY ARE YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU...
I WANT TO BELIEVE IN YOU
DON'T YOU CARE ANYMORE?

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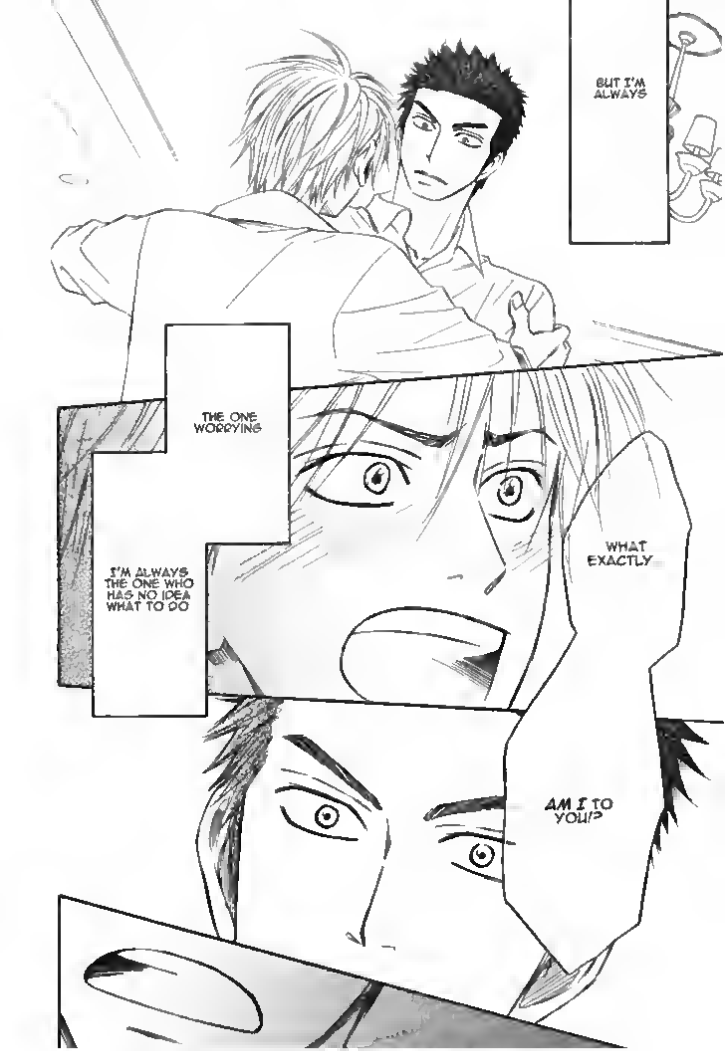

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I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR EIGHT YEARS
AND THEN ANOTHER TWO YEARS SINCE WE MET AGAIN
I'LL HIRE YOU, OKAY?
ONCE I'VE MADE THE COMPANY EVEN BIGGER
IT WAS JUST SO I CAN SAY THAT WE WENT TOGETHER
I'M ONLY
WORKING SO HARD BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID BACK THEN
SINCE THEN

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THROUGH ALL THE OBSTACLES...
IT WAS ALL SO
THIS DAY WOULD COME
SO NOW,
I CAN'T ALLOW THE COMPANY TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF ME
IF IT GOT SCREWED UP
BECAUSE I WAS RECKLESS...
THEN EVERYTHING I'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW WOULD BE FOR NOTHING
SO I WASN'T GOING TO GET IN YOUR WAY OVER THIS...
BUT

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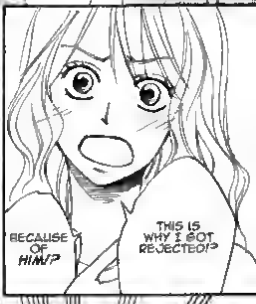

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I'M SORRY.

WHY DO I WANT SO BADLY

TO BE WITH HIM?

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COME TO THINK OF IT,
THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING, HOW YOU FOUND ME
OH
I HAVE CONTACTS, YOU KNOW
Contacts?
IT DOESN'T MATTER
IT DOES MATTER!
I'LL TELL YOU LATER
YOU BETTER EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME ANYTHING,
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN?
A plan?
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT
I DON'T KNOW WHEN DAD WILL FORCE ME TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN

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I THINK MAYBE IT'LL BE FINE, ACTUALLY
WHY?
SHIMENG
PRESIDENT!
So after he heard that,
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY.
WHAT KIND OF GIRL IS SHE? DOES SHE WOOK HERE?
IT'S JUST THAT THEY AREN'T READY TO TELL YOU YET...
REALLY!?
Please don't force the conversation any more...
Actually,
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN YOUR SON AND MY FRIEND..

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!
He said he'll wait and see for a while first.
OKAY OKAY!
Bye
But it's temporary, after all... The rest is up to you two.
HEY
SHE FORCED ME TO TELL HER LAST TIME...
After she caught me
THINGS JUST HAP-PENED!?
Happened, how!?
WHY DID SHE ASK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HOW DID SHE REALIZE? WHAT HAPPENED?
NO
THINGS JUST HAPPENED
HOW DOES SAEKO-SAN KNOW!?

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WHY WERE YOU AT THE HOTEL?
THE DAY OF THE OMIAI?
YEAH
That's right
IT WAS THE DAY YOU MET FOR THE OMIAI
HUH?
HER WEDDING RECEPTION IS GOING TO BE THERE, SO SHE WAS AT THE HOTEL.
So I was also late in the finger
WHY WERE YOU THERE?
SHUT UP!
HEY.
We're not done talking!
Hm. ?
IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY?

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SO I WAS WORRIED, AND WENT THERE TO TAKE A LOOK!
WHAT, I'M NOT ALLOWED TO?
DOES HE REALLY LOVE ME THAT MUCH?
It's okay for now but
AND WHO KNOWS WHAT MAYU-CHAN WILL DO AFTER THIS
BUT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS
We'll have to tell dad someday
SHE'S KIND OF WEIRD, TOO.
And she kidnapped you
OH WELL
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT IT LATER?
WE CAN THINK ABOUT THAT LATER
There's still 300km before we're home, anyway
It's like saying you'll start dieting tomorrow
Why don't you focus on driving?
End

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